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Re: Proceeding 04-140

I support the expansion of the amateur HF phone bands.

While I might hold a bit of nostalgia for the "old days" when I regularly used the 40 and 80 Meter novice frequencies, that was 35 years ago, an eon in terms of telecommunications, and time moves on.

I see no reason why we shouldn't more fully utilize our limited spectrum; isn't the concept of the most efficient use of available spectrum frequently mentioned as desireable?

I would also mention that users of CW would suffer no net loss in spectrum under this proposal; as always, CW may be used on **any** available HF amateur frequency.

There is no public benefit in artificially congested voice frequencies that often frustrate newcomers to amateur radio. As an engineer, I would ask to see the tangible, demonstrable public benefits of artificially congesting any public resource.

If the current CW-exclusive spectrum was doubled in size, would the use of CW be more common, would more individuals participate in the mode? The commonsense answer would be NO. By the same token, somewhat reducing the amount of CW-exclusive spectrum as mentioned in this docket is not likely to have any documentable adverse effects to the users of the CW mode. on the mode. On the other hand, expanding the voice portions of our spectrum is bound to have an immediate and positive benefit.

For these commonsense reasons, I support proceeding 04-140.

(signed)

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